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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was considerably cooler than normal, with unseasonably cool weather over the State at the close. Occasional showers fell over the State Wednesday through Saturday night. Rainfall amounts were generally heavy in the west and south-central portions of the State and light in the east and north-central. There was about the usual amount of sunshine. Several days were rather windy.

CROPS Field crops continued to make good progress last week. Open weather over much of the State permitted farmers to push ahead with cultivating corn and sorghums. They nearly completed harvesting the first cutting of alfalfa, and are fighting grasshoppers, army worms and corn borers with a stepped-up spraying campaign.

Winter wheat still holds promise for a record crop. Hail damage was serious in local areas of the west. Insects posed a threat throughout much of the State, but the winter wheat crop is moving rapidly toward maturity. At the end of last week, a little over 50 percent of the crop was turning ripe. Wheat harvest is likely to be fairly general by the first week in July. Heavy rains caused some additional lodging, but in general the wheat crop is standing up fine and filling nicely.

Corn made good growth last week. Cultivation is mostly on schedule, except where heavy rains held up operations. Corn borer infestation is noted in many eastern counties. Grasshoppers and army worms have been making some in-roads in corn fields, especially in the southern half of the state. However, with insect control measures rather widespread and generally effective, corn prospects are promising and only a few limited areas are showing concern about lack of subsoil moisture.

Oats is mostly headed throughout the state and about one-fifth is turning ripe. Some winter barley fields have been harvested with excellent yields. The first cutting of alfalfa is about 90 percent finished. Yields of the first crop were uniformly heavy but prospects for the second crop are somewhat spotted. Growth is being checked in some eastern counties where surface moisture is short, and insects are doing some damage to alfalfa fields. Ranchers are getting ready for the wild hay harvest. Another good crop is in prospect this year. Pastures and ranges have good growth.

LIVESTOCK Cattle are making good gains on pastures and ranges. Litter sizes have been a little below last year, but above average. Hog production is expanding, rapidly from the low level of past drought years. Demand for feeding and breeding stock continues strong.

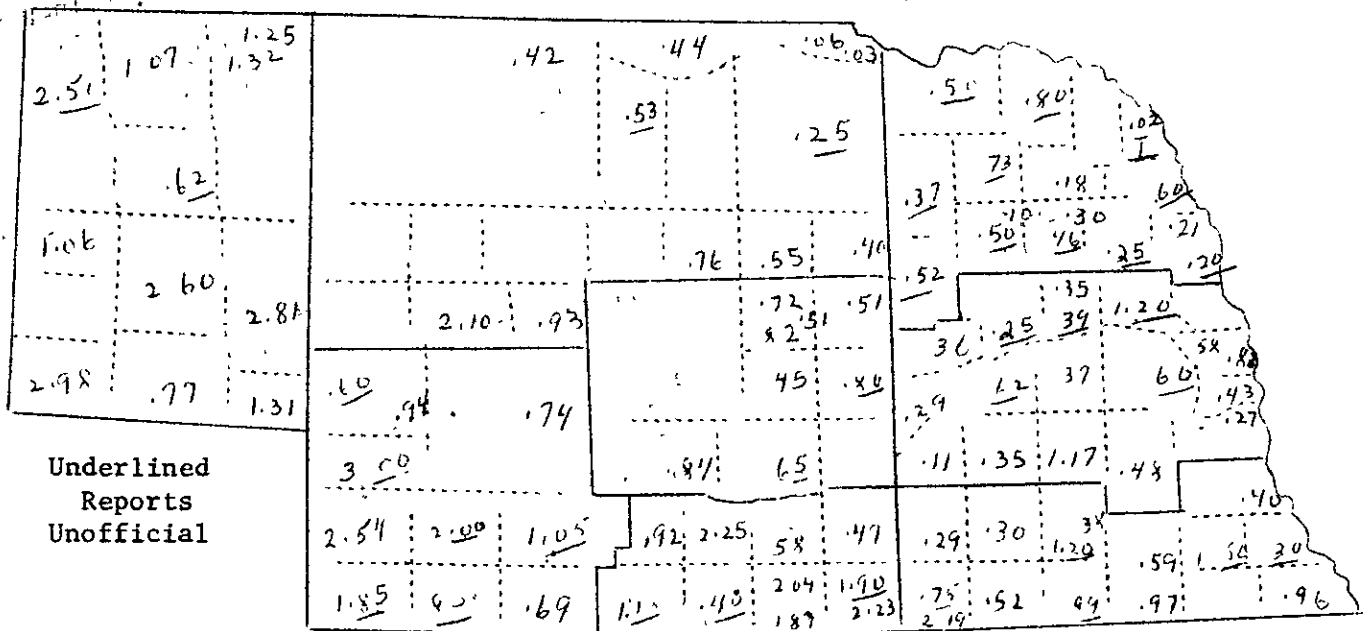
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 23, 1958

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.63	Burwell	.52	Chadron	.84
Lincoln	.62	North Platte	.68	Imperial	1.78
Norfolk	.28	Valentine	.54	Scottsbluff	.37
Omaha	.95			Sidney	.69
Sioux City	.07				

Precipitation, April 1 - June 20, 1958

	NW	NC	NE	Gen	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total Past Week	1.35	.63	.23	.77	.42	1.37	1.66	.79
Total Since April 1	8.01	8.59	7.09	8.11	6.76	7.82	7.55	8.23
Long-time Avg. Since April 1	6.88	7.68	8.62	8.33	9.05	7.08	8.41	9.87

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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		June 17th		18th		19th		20th		21st		22d		23d	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	76	45	81	50	77	52	76	49	60	48	73	47	73	53
	Scottsbluff	76	52	81	55	80	53	77	57	60	51	70	46	75	53
	Sidney	76	47	77	52	80	50	77	55	58	48	64	44	70	48
NC	Burwell	79	51	81	56	82	56	82	54	63	52	--	--	68	49
	Valentine	75	48	79	49	78	51	77	52	64	51	73	49	70	51
NE	Norfolk	80	54	77	58	82	60	83	58	64	55	74	57	68	51
	Sioux City	83	55	79	55	85	62	85	57	72	53	78	55	68	51
Cen	Grand Island	80	55	79	59	83	57	82	59	57	53	73	56	69	51
EC	Lincoln	83	59	80	61	86	64	84	62	72	56	78	57	71	51
	Omaha	81	56	75	58	81	58	80	58	61	54	74	55	68	51
SW	Imperial	76	55	79	57	80	54	78	58	61	48	67	50	70	50
	North Platte	76	48	80	55	81	53	78	57	66	52	70	50	70	49

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